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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Deputy Director
of Central Intelligence

FROM:
Deputy Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: House Armed Services Committee
Hearing on Worldwide Intelligence
Wrap-up

1. (U) Action Requested: None; for your information.
2. (U) Background:

a. (U) You are scheduled to appear before the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) at 10:00 a.m. on 26 January 1978 to brief the Committee on worldwide events. In the past, this Committee has asked on an annual basis for this briefing, which is to cover significant activity worldwide from an intelligence standpoint. As you know, the Subcommittee on Intelligence & Military Application of Nuclear Energy exercised general jurisdiction over intelligence activities until mid-1977. With the advent of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), the Subcommittee's jurisdiction has been reduced considerably; however, they still retain some elements of their former interests.

b. (C) We have recently worked out with the HASC an agreement whereby they will no longer receive briefings given in response to Presidential Findings concerning covert action. This agreement was a result of our efforts aimed at reducing to the bare minimum the number of Committees who receive covert action briefings. Chairman Melvin Price (who is Chairman of both the full

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